

REMARKS

Claims 7-9 and 11 are pending in the present application. Claim 7 is amended by way of this response. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments. Entry of the amendments and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 7 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 as being indefinite. Specifically, the Office action indicated that the language “an exposed section of the second housing part comprises an internal acoustic area defined by a wall located within the first housing part that separates the acoustic area from the remainder of the second housing part” was not supported by the specification and rendered the claim indefinite. Claim 7 has been corrected to indicate that it is the second housing part that separates the acoustic area from the remainder of the second housing part. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

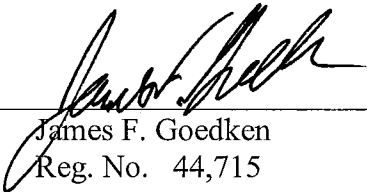
Claims 7-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kubo* (U.S. Pat. 5,883,966) in view of *Bank* (US Pub. 2003/0059069) and further in view of *Mori* (US Pat. 6,539,208). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Specifically, the prior art, alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest that “the bending wave loudspeaker travels on a path that is parallel to the keypad when each housing part is displaced by sliding” as currently claimed. In *Kubo* and *Mori*, the speaker moves through an arced path when the two housing parts are displaced. In *Bank*, the speaker does not even move.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket no. (117393-026) on the account statement.

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